



Press Release

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On: JULY EGG PRODUCTION
UP 1 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . July egg production in Texas totaled 408 million eggs, up 1 percent from July 2003, and up 5 percent from June 2004, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during July averaged 18.1 million, down 1 percent from last year but up 1 percent from June 2004. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,251 eggs, up 2 percent from last year and up 4 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.3 million, up 5 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.54 billion eggs during July 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.45 billion table eggs, 1.04 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 56 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 342 million during July 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers averaged 2,207 eggs, down slightly from the 2,215 eggs in July 2003.

Laying flocks in the thirty major egg producing states produced 7.05 billion eggs during July. The number of layers during July 2004 averaged 319 million.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 34.1 million, down 4 percent from July 2003. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 807 million, was up 4 percent from July of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.83 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2004, down 3 percent from July 2003.